(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of the severe financial constrants, the Railways are not considering creation of any new Division for the present.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOWRAH RAILWAY STATION

888. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to develop|modernise the Howrah railway station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Howrah in one of the 67 Stations selected to be developed as Model Stations. Works relating to provision of water coolers public address system, train indicator boards, augmentation of filtered water supply, provision of additional toilet facilities and modernisation of existing toilet facilities, repairs to platforms, provision of a 100 bedded Rail Yatri Niwas have been completed. Works of construction of Mezzanine floor at North concourse for booking counters, extra waiting hall, refreshment room, stalls on platforms No. 8|9 and consourse, provision of pavement on platform No. 7, washable apron on platform line No. 8|9, additional exit from goods shed by providing flyover connecting Bankim Sethu, and various other works relating to the modernisation scheme are in progress.

[*Translation*]

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES IN ORISSA

889. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher the Government propose to electrify the railway lines in Orissa during the current year; and

(b) if so, the names of railway lines which are proposed to be electrified and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Electrification of Orga-Bimlagarh-Barswan, Bimlagarh-Rangra (a part of electrification of Bokaro Steelcity-Muri-Hatia-Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Kiriburu|Barsuan scheme) falling in Orissa has been included in the Railway Budget for 1991-92 as a new work.

890. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce LPG based transport-system in view of increasing pressure on transport in the country;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The use of LPG as a fuel in the transport sector is not being considered as its indigenous production is inadequate to meet the demand of the household sector.

[*English*]

POWER RESOURCES OF HIMALAYAN RIVERS

891. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any efforts have been undertaken by the Union Government to seek cooperation of the Government of Nepal to tap power resources of the Himalayan rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?